

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted herewith to amend claim 9 (i.e., at line 3, to change "acquires" to --acquiring--; and at lines 22 and 24, to remove "and" at line 22 and add "and" at line 24), in order to maintain the tense and clarity of the claim language. This proposed change is merely editorial in nature and corresponds directly with the claims as proposed to the Examiner on January 7, 2005, which resulted in the Examiner's Amendment issued with the Notice of Allowance on January 14, 2005. Applicant notes that the spelling of "measuring" and "storing," which were misspelled in the Examiner's Amendment, has been corrected in claim 9 as well. Again, these changes are merely editorial in nature.

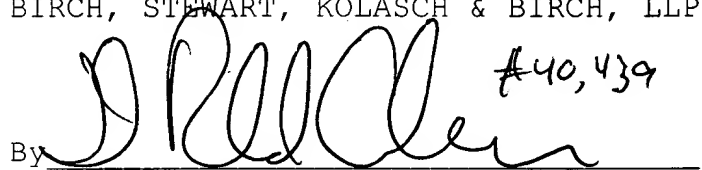
The proposed changes do not add new matter nor do they raise any new issues. Accordingly, entry thereof is requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48, 917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite issuance in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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